



Reply to Attn of: 210.S

April 13, 2011

TO ALL POTENTIAL OFFERORS

Subject: Request for Proposal (RFP), NNG11341433R, for the Space and Earth Science Data Analysis (SESDA III) Procurement

You are invited to submit a proposal for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) SESDA III acquisition. The principal purpose of this requirement is to support the Sciences and Exploration Directorate (SED, Code 600) by providing a broad range of Earth and space science research disciplines, engineering, IT services, and other related services.

The following information highlights some of the important aspects of the RFP and some of the changes that have been made since the posting of the Draft RFP Questions and Responses. It is not intended to cover all of the requirements of the document.

1. This acquisition is a competitive Small Business Set-Aside.
2. NAICS Code: 541712; Size Standard 1000 employees.
3. The basic contract is for three years with one two-year option.
4. This procurement will result in the award of a Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee (CPFF) contract.
5. The Statement of Work (Attachment A) describes the scope of the requirement. The SOW Addendum (Attachment B) further defines the potential work to be performed for the first year of the contract.
6. Documents related to this procurement can be found on the SESDA III online library at: <http://code210.gsfc.nasa.gov/sesdaiii/Home.html>
7. Contract performance will predominantly be at the Goddard Space Flight Center's Greenbelt site and could also include work off-site at the contractor's facility based on the offeror's approach.
8. The final RFP is updated to require the inclusion of an Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) Plan with proposals which will be evaluated under the Mission Suitability evaluation factor (Reference L.12(3) Subfactor B – Management Approach).
9. The Contractor's Quality Assurance Plan has been removed from the Mission Suitability page count limitation. The total page count for Mission Suitability has been updated to 95 pages as a result of this change (Reference L.10 (b)).
10. The Final RFP is updated to remove the guidance regarding evidence of teaming agreements.

The above list is not intended to address all of the final RFP changes, and Offerors are responsible for thoroughly reviewing and complying with all of the final RFP requirements.

All documents related to this procurement, including this letter, the solicitation, attachments, enclosures and any amendments will be attainable electronically from the World Wide Web through FedBizOpps at: <http://procurement.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/EPS/bizops.cgi?gr=D&pin=51> Offerors are requested to periodically monitor the website for any potential updates.

This RFP does not commit NASA's GSFC to pay any proposal preparation costs, nor does it obligate NASA's GSFC to procure or contract for these services. This request shall not be construed as authorization to proceed with, or be paid for charges incurred by performing any of the work called for in this solicitation.

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP shall be submitted by **May 31, 2011, at 2:00 pm Eastern Standard Time**. Proposals received after this time will be treated as late in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.215-1 entitled, "Instructions to Offers-Competitive Acquisitions". Your proposal must be signed by an official authorized to bind the company. It is requested that the proposal offer have an acceptance period of not less than 240 days. However, a different validity period may be proposed by the Offeror.

Offerors who intend to submit a proposal in response to this RFP are requested to notify NASA of your company's intention to submit a proposal within 14 days of the due date of proposals so that we may appropriately plan resources for the proposal evaluation phase.

Below is a list of the Source Selection Authority (SSA) and voting members, along with their GSFC organizational codes, for the Source Evaluation Board (SEB). The names provided are for information purposes only and, other than the Contracting Officer, Michele Connerton, these individuals should not be contacted regarding the SESDA III acquisition. The Government reserves the right to change personnel associated with this acquisition at its discretion.

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Adrian R. Gardner, Chief Information Officer

Voting Members

- 1) Dr. Shing Fung, Code 673, Source Evaluation Board Chair
- 2) Michele Connerton, Code 210.8
- 3) Dr. Cynthia Cheung, Code 695
- 4) Dr. John Haberman, Code 699
- 5) Dr. William Pence, Code 660.1
- 6) Dr. Peter Smith, Code 610

Offerors are reminded that a “Blackout Notice” for this procurement will be distributed to GSFC personnel involved with this procurement concurrently with the release of the Final RFP to industry. Therefore, all communications pertaining to this procurement must be directed **only** to the Contracting Officer listed below.

Any comments/questions related to this RFP must be directed in writing to the undersigned via email at: Michele.R.Connerton@nasa.gov only. The Government encourages you to submit any questions on or before May 16, 2011 to ensure our timely response. NASA will respond to applicable comments and questions in writing by posting an electronic response at the same location as this solicitation.

Cordially,

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